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SECURITY INFORMATION

THE JOINT PHOTO INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

PURPOSE: To improve the production and quality of photo interpretation for intelligence purposes.

FUNCTION: To assist producers and consumers of photo interpretations through advice upon their specific problems:

To coordinate the efforts of photo interpretation producers to achieve the maximum production from the minimum establishment:

To facilitate the exchange of techniques and procedures among the producers of photo interpretations:

To consider problems that affect the efficient production of photo interpretations:

To recommend procedures to increase the flow of raw materials to photo interpretation producers and their product to the interested consumers.

(N. B. The above order of functions is not an indication of priority of interest.)

MEMBERSHIP: The Committee shall be composed of:

- A. a representative and an alternate from each photo interpretation producing group within the Washington area of the National intelligence effort;
- b. a representative from each of the photo interpretation using agencies in the Washington area.

If it is found to be mutually advantageous, a third category of members should be included. These are the agencies that produce the aerial photographs.

Suggested Class A members are: Photo Interpretation Section, Air Force; Air Objective Folder Section, Air Force; Photo Interpretation Center, Navy; Photo Intelligence Division, C.I.A.

Suggested Class B members are: Directorate of Intelligence, U. S. Army; Office of Naval Intelligence, U. S. Navy; Directorate of Intelligence, U. S. Air Force; Army Map Service; U. S. Geological Survey; etc.

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SPONSORING AGENCY: Central Intelligence Agency

STANDING SUB-COMMITTEES: Photo Interpretation Keys Sub-committee;
Photo Interpretations Reports Sub-committee;
Photo Interpretation Techniques Sub-committee;
Training Standards Sub-committee.

MEETINGS: The Committee of the whole to meet monthly,
except when an emergency makes necessary additional
meetings. The sub-committees to meet at the
convenience of the members and the requirements
of the project.

SOME INITIAL PROBLEMS: To set standards for, coordinate and supervise
the preparation and testing of Photo Interpretation
Keys:

To establish a uniform reporting system for Photo
Interpretation Reports:

To set up minimum training standards to be met before
assignment of MOS numbers designating Photo Interpreter
and to be met by civilian photo interpreters in
government service.

To investigate the establishment of lending libraries
of current and useful aerial photography prints for
the use of member agencies.

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